

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 10 and 11 have been canceled. No new matter has been added to the amended claims.

The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 4, 5 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 21-25 are allowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C § 103

I. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,376) in view of Nakashima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,774,965).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections. However, to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have incorporated the features of claim 4 into claim 1, and have incorporated the features of claim 18 into claim 17.

Claims 6 and 7 depend from claim 1 and claim 19 depends from claim 17. The dependent claims are allowable for the reasons given above for claims 1 and 17. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 be withdrawn.

II. Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,376) and Nakashima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,774,965) in view of Ha et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,704,081).

This rejection is moot since claim 3 has been canceled.

III. Claim 8-11, 15, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,376) and Nakashima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,774,965) in view of Baek et al. (U.S. 20020036730).

Amended claim 8 recites, *inter alia*, “a transmission window defined by at least three sides of a reflecting plate, and a portion of a first side of the three sides and a portion of a second side adjacent to the first side of the three sides are extended to be connected with a pixel electrode”. The extended portion of the reflecting plate prevents afterimage and enhances a contrast ratio. *See* Abstract of the present Application. It is respectfully submitted that neither Park, Nakashima, Baek, nor any combination thereof discloses or suggests the above claimed feature.

As stated in the Office Action, Nakashima and Baek do not disclose the above claimed feature. For this element, the Office Action relies on Park.

The Office Action states that “Park in Fig. 6, the transmission window is defined by at least three sides (shown in Fig. 4) of the reflecting plate (68) and a portion of the first side of the three sides and a portion of the second side adjacent to the first side of the three sides (shown in Fig. 6) are extended to connect with the pixel electrode (70).

Applicants respectfully disagree.

Fig. 6 of Park does not disclose a transmission widow. In contrast, Fig. 6 discloses a boundary portion between two pixel areas taken along the line VI-VI in Fig. 4.

It follows that Fig. 6 of Park does not disclose or suggest a transmission window defined by at least three sides of a reflecting plate, and a portion of a first side of the three sides and a portion of a second side adjacent to the first side of the three sides are extended to be connected with a pixel electrode.

Claims 15 and 16 depend from claim 8. The dependent claims are allowable for the reasons given above for claim 8. Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 be withdrawn.

IV. Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,376) and Nakashima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,774,965) and Back in view of Auman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,856,432).

Claim 12 depends from claim 8. The dependent claim is allowable for the reasons given above for claim 8.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 be withdrawn.

V. Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,376) and Nakashima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,774,965) and in view of Auman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,856,432).

Claim 20 depends from claim 17. The dependent claim is allowable for the reasons given above for claim 17.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 be withdrawn.

VI. Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,376) and Nakashima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,774,965) and Back in view of Ha et al.

Claim 13 depends from claim 8. The dependent claim is allowable for the reasons given above for claim 8.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 be withdrawn.

VII. Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,376) and Nakashima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,774,965) and Back in view of Acosta et al. (U.S. 20030067575).

Claim 14 depends from claim 8. The dependent claim is allowable for the reasons given above for claim 8.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application, including claims 1, 5-9 and 12-25, is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if he has any questions or comments in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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